To Whom It May Concern,

I am a XM Radio subscriber. While the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area does not yet have a traffic and weather channel available via XM, I look forward to the day that this is offered. Fumbling around the radio trying to find a local traffic or weather report is frustrating. Believe it or not local radio service (AM of FM) doesn't provide consistent or helpful reporting.

In addition, I like the variety that XM offers. I also like the ability to listen to a wide range of stations whenever and wherever I travel. You couldn't ask for a broader range of material, a range that is not offered by my local, traditional radio market.

Please keep in mind that I pay a monthly subscription for this service, similar to cable television or internet service. I don't pay for local radio or television service, but in no way whatsoever can either provide the variety of programming that XM radio provides.

Thank you for your attention.

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